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Lawful Prejudices against an Incorporating UNION with England, &c.

N Incorporating Union with the Nation of England, is in hazard of running Ishmael's Face, to have its hand against every Man, and every Mans hand against it; persons of every Denomination, and societies of all kinds, do speak, argue and address against it. The Reverend Commission of the General Assembly in their Petition to the Honourable Parliament, topicient their Feats; The general Meettheir Diffent, and on all fides rife up Addresses and Application ons from Shires and Burghs, Presbyteties and Paroches, trumpeting forth their Aversion to it, fo that the general Grain and Gente of the Nation feems to be against it I wish the Parliament would lend an Bar to the univerfal ery of Scotland, and tho they have already established the Foundation and made a confiderable progress in raising the Superstructure they may be very deliberat in putting on the Cap-ftone; and in time confider what belongeth to this Nations Happiness, Salety and Peace; for there are certain periods of Time, forme lucky autolcious and favourable Junctures, which if we lay hold on, we are made for ever, if once past and neglected, all cautions prove inestedual, and all Remedies desperat a pur understandings are applicable to be harried on by the first heatty which, if not rettrained in time, do not give us leave to look back till it is too late, and the Chutting of the Gulphilorbids all Retreat. which I fail confine my felt) is to chapterate the fulness and danger of the Union complexity taken, to lay of

and make a fair Representation of the ill circumstances 'tis likely to bring us under which I shall do in these following Articles

National Engagements - First (as the Commission of the Church, has declar'd in the 6th Article of their Address) its evident that in case this proposed Treaty of Union shall be concluded, this Nation will be subjected in its civil interests, to a British Perliament, wherein Prelates are to be consistent Members and Legislators; and 'tis contrary to out Governants, that any Church Man should bear sivil Offices, or have power in the Common-Wealth.

But some will say, That the National Covenant that condemneth Church mens bearing tivil Offices, is only to be understood with respect to Scotland, which is all the Composers or Sub-

scribers of the Covenant could have in view.

l'anf. Tho' the N. G. were renewed on a pereicular occasion, and with a particular View, yet this thing affected and foron is general Thefie, and our known Principle. That no Churchwan should possess a place of civil power: Now this Principle can't without a grofs inconfishency with out felves be fo underflood, as we thought it unlawful in Scotland, but lawful to Britain for Church men to enjoy fuch places : for the known Reasons of the principle take place elsewhere, yes obtain almost every where at well as in Scotland: others perhaps think therthis Nation can't be involved in perjury, in regard, we make not the conflicution, where Prelates are made constant Members of Parliament, Bet find it wich them with whom we unite. But to take offerite, Let it be confidered. That the Store Parliament must Plen, by agreeing to what methods the English Part. Shult propole, for fixing and continuing the fame, they must join them. selves and embody with its And will not this Nation be brought many ways to approve the conditiution, by their labjedion unto taking Larra from and repeated Application to their Br. Park.

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ling themselves the Apostles Successors: And because they pretend to this, I must give them a taste of my Poetry,

They Brut in Silks, on Purple tread, Let their Anceflours scarce had Bread,

They fit in Parliament, at Council Board,

End bire poor Rognes to feroe the Lord.

This base Partition from Judice-Line far swerves, To make some Princes, many thousand starves,

To take 8 thousand yearly, the dumb dog's willing,

And throw's unto the Curate fifty shilling.

of the Solemn League. 1. In the first article, we swear to conceribute our Endeavours to reform Engla I in Worship and Government, but by the Union both they and we say an evernal Embargo upon all such Endeavours: for by this, new compact, we put our selves for ever out of all capacity to give shem any help or assistance in that Affair. 2 in the 2d Asticle we are jute Presery, and by the Linion we establish it upon the furth humane Foundations Men van devile. 3. In that same article we follwear Schism, which a legal Toltrasion (the necessary consequence of the Union) will fix among us: I can't now stay so prove that the Separation of Engl. Differents is no Schism, and that of our Differents is for the Doctrine of our Contession of Faith, which we closely cleave to in all our Sermons, is the same profess by all Protestant Churches.

And opr Worthip is what the Prelatiffs themselves did, till of late, always practile, and they can't say there is any thing superflictions or corrupt in our Worlhip. Which they can't concurr with, But the reverse of all this it in the Ess. Cb. for they preach, write and argue against the Principles of their own Confession. And the Ess. Worthip is corrupted with Incatrical Pomp, humane inventions and superstitions Ceremonies. 4, in the 4th Art. We sweet so oppose all Malignants and Hinderess of the Resonation of Religion. Now by the Union, Presats, who are sall sivetted in places of Irust and Power. These ston, are sall sivetted in places of Irust and Power.

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Men are kept in the highest Posts of Dignity and Power, who have no regard to the Oath of God, that binds these Nations, Men who think not themselves obliged by the Covenant But on the contrary, would fain bury all Remembrance thereof. For setting this whole traiter in its true Light. We own, that we are not obliged to Resom England without their concurence, of against their Will, or to constrain them to fulfill the ends of the Solemn League; yet it can't be Iaid, that we should do any thing, far less enter into such a Transaction with them as will for ever preclude both them and us from performing the Design thereof. I perswade my self this politick will

got answer some folks Expectation.

adiy Scots Presbytery wants that fecurity It ought to have when we are uniting with England. I shall not determine which is the best lecurity. That proposed by the act of Security for this Church, or what we have had by the claim of Right and acts of Parliament in our tayours lince the Revolution; Nor am I talking of a fecurity Exempted from the Common fate of all things under the Sun, a feeurity not obnexious to vicifitudes and Change es. But what I With is, that when we are uniting with a nation who fences the Government of their Church (a government Antipodes to ours) from all dangerous attacks, that we, I fav. should show our selves no less jealous, for our Model that we think and judge to be the ordinance and appointment of Christ: take but one of many hundred inflances of their Zeal for Mother Church, "A True Born fon in a Letter to a diffenter, against Toleration 12 lays, Those who expect Medern Miracles have more right, or at least more excuse than we, to neglect all fecular Cautions. But for us it is as justifiable to have no Religion, as willfully to threw away the humane manner of oreleving it: This leads me to rouch at three things off Thatwe are in danger by the Union, 2 What provision the S. Parliament has made for our fecurity, a What more may be proposed. As to the 1# Let us take a View 1 of the Church of Englands Sentiments concerning us, ally of their inclinations towards us. 3dty of what treatment we may expect from a British Parliament. 4. confider the Character of many of the English distenters, 18.

Let us enquire into the Chapitable Sentiments, of the most of the English Clergy concerning us. 'Tis plain they look on the Pielbyters of Scotland, to be no Ministers, because they want prelatick Ordination, hence they Re-ordain all fuch, And this they do not meetly because re-ordination by an English prelate is by Law made necessarie to give a right to a legal benefice, but the validity of Presbyterian Ordination is questioned, for they do not Re-ordain a Popith Priest to give him a Title to a Living. and that Because he had the Ordination of a Popish prelate, and further when the Runpagado is on his knees, (who by taking New ordination flings dirt on most of the Protestant Churches and dosh in the Consequence deny them to be Churches, I the Prelat asks one, who is standing by in the fashion of a Sponfor Is this man Ordain'd? to whom he answers, no: Then says the Prelate, I ordain him. And Mr. James Sharp with his Brother Lightoun, who we know were to have no livings in England. mere Re-ordained Presbyters before they were Confectated Bishops.

2 For their good Inclinations, I shall produce one for all (for they are unnumbred that might be brought: A Bill (with out doubt procuted by the English Clergys influence) was lately lent from England to the Parliament of Ireland and which palled there, Intituled an all to prevent the grouth of Popery, where, a mong the Clauses for security of the protestants, and Weakning the power of popery, a staufe is put in to oblige all the prorestant diffenters in Ireland that have any place, office or power, to Conform to the Church of Ireland, and receive the Sacrament after the ulage thereof: firange! that after all their faithful fervice In the fiege of London derry, at Innifkilling and other places, their reward should be to be declared incapable of any must or place in the Government. In the Province of Ulfter, where two thirds are diffeniers, who have been very dutifull and Serviceable to Her Majestie, they have by this act, turn'd out most of the justices of the peace, and have filld up their places with Clergy. men. This treatment given protestant diffenters in Ulfter is the more afton thing when we confider their confiant and unrivald loyalty in time of the Civil Wars between K. Cb. 1st and his parliament, for which K. Cb. the 2d. at his Reftantation of

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them a grant of 800 lib. Sterling per annum, for the support of differenting Ministers in that province, and which was augmented by she Bounty of the late King William and Q. Mary of Blessed Memory to 1200 l. And Continued, by our present gracious

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a As to a British Parliament, I know there are in it many noble Members, true Patriots, and who frand on the Revoluti on foot: But we cannot call them diffenters, of those there are very few in the house of Commons, and sew or none in the house of Peers, fince my Lord Whartons death: Now els hard to keep film without a Principle, When interest shall become the Lure to draw ande: But in the laft place, let us turn to the Presbyterian differiers, of whom fome give this Character, that they all or most of them declare for a moderat Episcopacy and Baxterian Doctine: what I know of them doth Confirm this, for not only at Breda, the Presbyterian Ministers own'd to much to King Charles, But after his Refrauration (as Calamy in his defense of the Lite of Benter writes) the Presbyterian Ministers offered to the King to conform unto Episcopacy, so that they would Reforme the fervice-Book: and were not their Great toping men their Leaders, Richard Banter, Mr. How and Dr. Bates for the lawfullness of Epileopacy? now, an act of Comprehension shrows in among such, would deprive us of the help and affigrance, we could hope for from that quarter from all which the evident, We have not many firm friends in England, we can rely on, and that we may come to be in Great danger by the Brieifh Conflication. I love not to entertain upreafonable and Ill founded Jealousies, yet the view of Englands former freatment of us, makes it very fuspicious that there out new friends do normake the intended usion to much their choife as their refuge: to Motion that we ought to be upon our Guard Teldom do favours like Zonas's Gourd Spring up in a Night. We can't trust the Presbyteries Diffenters, who deserve better to be call'd Episcopal than Presbuterian; for they declare for the lawfulnets of Epifcopacy, and Indicribe generally the 37th Article, "Afferting the Eccletia-Bleat Supremacy of the civil Magistrat. When K. 7: the 718 gave

an indulgence for Engl. some say that the Dissenters did so far countenance and savour the dispensing power by the tenour of their. Addresses that instead of silently receiving the benefit of the Indulgence, they set up for Advocats to support it, and look'd like. Counsel hired by the mighty and high-towering Prerogative against Law, & that to rescue themselves from the severity of one Law, gave a blow to all Laws, by which Religion and Libers.

ty are to be protected.

We come now to take a View of what provilion our Parliament has made for our Security: In the All for Security of the Church, our Church Government is made Fundamental, and unalterable in the new united constitution : But in all contracts Treaties or Leagues, private or publick, the Obligation arifing from any of the Clauses and Articles contained in the faid Treaties, can be diffolved by the confent of the Contracters Confequently the Brit. Parl. with the confent of Scotland may overtuen our Church constitution, when they shall think it conveplent; And it may be pretended, that this Confent may be feveral ways obtain'd : particularly, when the Confent of the Lords, together with the Representatives of Shires and Burghs lawfully called to affemble, and to deliberar upon the Affair Is obtained: for these being the Representatives of Scotland, their confent may be reputed the confent of the whole Nation, elpecially, if we confider, that thefe are the Parry contracting with England: Another case may be teckon'd the Nations Confent to an alteration, when Addrelles and Peritions (however wie & modis procured) from the Shires and Burghs of this Kingdom come to the Br. Parl defiting an alteration of the Ch: Government a which may be interpreted, A National Confent: In those and other cafes, our Government feems not well fecur'd, by the Ac of Security, especially if we add what Lawyers far, that contracts, even wherean Oath is interpoled, do not oblige when the Party contracting paffeth from his Right because juramentum intendit, non extendit vim obigationis. But

adly Let us look about for some other additional Security. The Trimmer (whom I judge to be a person both honest and learned) proposes this Overture, that no alteration or innovation in

our constitution shall be moved in the Parl. of Great Britain, without the previous confect of the Gen. Ass. of this Church, & of a Meeting of Estates in this Kingdom lawfully call'd for that effect: Thus far the Author: It was the exercise of absolute & silegal power in Cb. the I. When without confent of the Ch. he made an innovation of the Scots Worship, with which irregular Procedure the E of Givernment indefault in his Hill. And his Son Ch. the 2d oversurn'd our Ch. Government, without ever consulting the Church, which otherwise he had never been able to do.

There is this likewise may be offered for our surface Security. That all the Members of the first Brirish Parl. at their first Meeting, and all Members of ensuing Parliaments for ever hereafter, may at their first sitting down, sweat, that they shall not Move nor Vote in Parlifer the alteration of Scots Presbytry, the I know it will be objected, that with the same Breath they must give reciprocal Security to the Ch. of England. But we have somewhat surther to seek from our own Parl. That we may we a Court with whom the Church may correspond, and to whom they may apply for Redfels of Grievances. We define likewise, we may be set on an equal Foot with Engl. with respect to a Sacramental Sch. and that we may have a Commission for

planting of Churches and valuation of Tithes.

The third general Head I offer, is, Ibo Presbyterial Government were fecured against a Subversion, yet Presbyterian Ministers will not be in sofer). For r. The Oath of Abjuration will not go down with them; And if there be not some Provision as gainst Ministers taking the said Oath actum eff de its: I see no necessity for making an Oath that was calculat for the Engl: Nation to become the Standart and Test for Scotland: I pray God may determine the Honourable Par. to see to this a Tis likely that after the Union shall be concluded, an Oath will be imposed, whereby we declare out owning the Authority of the British Par. which will be a hardship on such as have no light in the Affair.

3. Tho by the Act of Security we are exempted from all Oaths that are inconsistent with our Principles, yet the B. P. will ever suit the methetics sudges of the inconsistency.

4. Many Snares will be daily stream in our way, the perhaps without any descriptions.

fign to tuine us: How that Ministers read Acts of the British Council, where Prelates Spiritual Lordship is owned and conproved? How can we with any safety on solemn occasions seely reprove and lament the Corruptions and Parjury both here and in South-Britain? The Snare which to me is likely to be the first that will be laid in our way, is an appointment of Parli for a National Thanksgiving for the happy conclusion of the Union, this will gravel many Consciences, who have address d against the same.

We are to have no Privy council in the North part of Britain; this in the Treaty was refuted to our Commissioners. But we may be left to the Discretion and Mercy of an ill principled Justice of Peace, or at the Devotion of I do not know what courts. Now if with a Privy council, Ministers are in very bad circumstances: What are we to look for, when we shall have none at

all?

My fourth general Proposition is, A legal Toleration in Scot-Land will be very prejudicial to this Church and Nation Every thinking Man knows that fuch a Toleration will certainly tole, low on the Union, and 'tis as certain, that it will bring along with it very mischievous Effetts; and have a malign influence on all the Branches of our Reformation. To A great and general corruption of Dectrine will follow it closs at the Heels the Toleration will open the Sluce, and let in a Deluge of Errous. and Herely (tho' thefe we abjure in the ad Article of the 8: 1:) the Gen. Affan. 1647 in their Declaration to their Brethren of Eng. bespeaks them thus: "We are very sensible of the great and imminent Dangers into which this common Cause of Religion is now brought by the growing & foreading of most dangerous Errours in England namely (befide many others) Socialianifa Arminianism Anabaptism, &c. and that which is called c by abuse of the Word) Liberty of Confedence, being indeed Liberty of Erd Frour, Scandal, Schifm, Herefies. dilhonouring God, oppoling the Truth, hindering Reformation & feducing others. Thus far ther. Thele are fome lines of Engl. Picture, drawn 60 years ago & weal know the matter is but ill amended now a days, by the addition of Deife and Aibeifer, and other groß Principles: Let us improfe

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that different here, especially the Relatiffs shall be brought to figh Our Confession of Faich, Before they can lay claim to the benefit of the Toleration, yet the Corruption we fear' will not be avoided; for, If The Church of England fignes the 29 Articles (as the B. of Sarum acknowledgeth) as Symbolum fides and not meerly viaculum pacis, and yet Preach, Write, argue, against those Articles: do they not advance Herefies and Biafphemies without any check or control from within or without? Let any who would fatisty himself in the matter, he pleased to read several pieces of Dr. Sherlock Dean of St. Pauls, Parkers Works: B. of Sarums exposition of the 39 Articles, yea their own Brethren have opposed their gross corruptions in doctrine against their own fubletiption : confalt Edwards preacher: now what security can we have of these our Prelatick dissenters who are of the same mould, with the English? can any thing bind them? 2. If the General Affembly be not allowed judges of what doctrine is preached, by the tolerated fects, an inundation of errour will be unavoidable especially, if we take along this one confideration that with a very little knowledge of Polemicks, one may preach huncreds of errors which yet carry no evident contradiction to our contestion of faith, which was never defigned for a confutation of all errours, but to be a flandard of Effential Attieles of Faith and of fuch as ly nearest to them: Divines find 300 Errours in Poperv. 70 among the Anabaptitis 120 among Sociaians, 90 among Lutherans, 60 in Armibianism, belides the many errours of Qua. kers. Libertines, Deitts &c. now no Man can think that our Confellion cap (even per remotam Consequentiam) oppose all these: buc to Return to what I faid, if a Gen. All be not allowed to Cite before them & cenfuse corrupt teachers, this nation that I be quickly payloned wish damnable and damning doctrines: and we have Reason to think that the tolerated will not be subjec. red to the Gen. Aff. as judges of what doctrine they preach, for in a late princed Act for Toleration, (which did not at that rime pass in Parliaments) it is provided that in Case any preachers in their meeting houles shall preach any feditious doctrine tending to difloyalty, to Her Majesties Person or authority; they half be ounished by the Privy Council: In that all, none are forbid

forbid or hindred to preach Errors or any thing contrary to the Protestant Dedeine, the preachers are only charged to preach no difloyal principles; and they are not accountable to any judicature Civil or Ecclesiastick, for any other bad doerine they shall propagate: there will be no Privy Council to call them to an ica count, and the' there were they are not allways very Competent sample to the return

judges of What is truth or errous.

2. The Toleration will Corrupt the publick worship in this land. I could prove, bad I time, that the Erglish Worship will be fet up, to condescend to the Curates scrupulous consciences, that Worship which in the 2d Article of the S. L. we abjute as Superstition. The English Liturgy is taken wholly out of the Mass Book and other Popish pieces: every part of the Litting in the very Letter as well as fenfe, is brought out of these pieces, Namely the Breviary, out of which the Common Prayers are taken, the Ritual, our of which the administration of the factament, Burial, Matrimony, Visitation of the sick are taken: The Mals Book out of which the Confectation of the Lards Supper Calleds, Epiftles, and Golpels, and taken: As for the book of Ordination of Arch-bishops, Bishops, and Ministers, that is taken from the Roman Pontificial. As to the matter of the Liturgy, part thereof is false, another part is ridicoulously frivolous, and some part bath some tincture of Blasphemy: What a Worthip that! we have? To Baptism must be added the Atrial fign of the Crofs, which is made a visible fign of the childs dedication to Christ and of his engagement to fuffer when called. for the profession of the Christian Religion: this is indeed to make a New Sacrament: We shall have alters, and Blind lights and bowing to the Altar; a devotion once recommended by their canons, which tho' afterwards Repealed by Act of Parliament, yet is with a great zeal fill practis'd by all the Leading-Church. men, all the fathers of the church, & all that frand candidats for any chief preferment. To par on the cap flone, their fuperflition Reacheth to the other World, for in their Prager at the burial of the dead, they pray for the dead, defire of God that with their Brother departed in the true Faith of Gods Holy name, they may have perfect confemmation and Blefs both in foul and Body: power

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Local not tole time, by letting fee how the Toleration will prove destructive to our discipline, and how by the breaking that Divine sence, such a door will be opened to all manner of Wickedness as shall almost authorise the grossest of immoralities: jusque dassum sceleri. Some will be ready to say that the Prelatists will not come up to the terms of a Toleration, But they who speak so do not sufficiently consider, what that party and persons of that

kidny will do, to ferge a turn.

The Last Article I advance is, The continuing the Sacramen. sal Test in England, especially after the concluding of the Union is a complex impiety, a manifold evil: This will quickly appear. By the Sacramental Tell, I underftand, that no man can be in any place of truft, Civil or Military, nor have any access to Benefices from the Crown, before that he Receive the Lords. Supper, after the manner of the Church of England, that is kneels ing, and till he bring a tellificat that he has done to, from him gave him the facrament, and for caution against collusion lengtish Dr. whom they could may be beib'd, it must two perions come along with the Conforming Teller and depone, they did fee him thus Communicate. 'tis not very amazing to confider with what Rampant zeal they appear for this practice, when we know that, But for this Rail, they fear their Dagon would fall. The worthy Reformers in England, Bp. Hosper Coverdale, John Fox, Jo. Rogers, and Peter Martyr made a V gorous appearance, for an absolut and through Reformation from kneeling, &c. conform to the Medel that Calvin hadgiven of it, and such of the English Reformers as opposed this: were equally Convinc'd of the evil of the Ceremonies, partlenlarly of kneeling before the Elements, only they thought fit for fome time to continue this, with feveral others to keep the Papifts in, or train them back to their communion, they thought Rome could not all fall in one day. But can any Reafon now be given for perpetuating this Kneeling at the Table, which is a Popish modern posture, not of 500 years standing, a gesture which the Belief of the Corporal prefence of Christ in the Sacrament brought into the Church, yet is of a later edition then.

(14) than that, the daughter is not so ancient as the Mother? Why then shall men east about, and turn all stones, shake the Pillars, disturb the Peace of a Nation, deprive men of their natural Right, for a Romist Brat, and tripeket? a Rice that wants both Scripture, and their own darling Antiquity to support fe, a practice without Scripture Example and Precept ? What unexampled implety is it to drive & compell Dogs, grois ignorants and Atheifts, and persons branded with all immoralities, to profane the most holy and august of all Gods ordinances. 2: What barefac'd partiality, to allow Socinians, Deifts and Atheilts to possess of Trust and Power, because they having no Conscience do qualify themselves? and debar thousands of honest Protestants & faithful loyal Subjects only for a little tenderness: Is it not malignant partiality to range together Papift and Diffenter as equally criminal?

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And what partiality will it be it our honourable Parl: do not as much confult the Security of our conftitution as the English do

lam afraid that the Eng. Sax: Tell shall draw away some, who now favour us, which will prove of dangerous consequence to this Church: In France the keeping Protestants from places of power, did almost as much prejudice to the Reform'd interest there, as all the civil Wars: I conclude all, with my hearty wish, that all who have any interest with Heaven, all who love the happiness of this Nation, the welfare of Church and State, may ply the Throne of Grace for Gods presence with this Parliament.



